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Section 1. Preliminary Statements


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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/491,384, filed July 31, 2003.

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Section 4. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items

1. U.S. Patent Number 6,398,103 B2 issued to Hasz et al. on June 4, 2002.
Discloses a method for applying a wear coating on a surface of a substrate by first applying a foil of the wear coating to the substrate surface, and then fusing the foil to the surface.
2. U.S. Patent Number 4,067,782 issued to Bailey et al. on January 10, 1978.
Discloses a process for nickel plating a cylindrically shaped hollow core mandrel suitable for chromium plating for use in an electroforming process comprising anodizing this core member in an anodizing bath, nickel plating the member in a nickel electroforming bath, and subjecting the member to an acid dip bath for a particular length of time.
3. U.S. Patent Number 3,948,613 issued to Weill on April 6, 1976.
Discloses a process for applying a protective wear surface to a wear part employing treating a plurality of nickel plated tungsten carbide tiles arranged in a matrix and brazed to a surface to be protected by employing low temperature brazing.
4. U.S. Patent Number 3,844,906 issued to Bailey et al. on October 29, 1974.
Discloses a process for maintaining a continuous and stable aqueous nickel sulfamate electroforming solution adapted to form a relatively thin, ductile, seamless nickel belt by electrolytically depositing nickel from said solution onto a support mandrel.

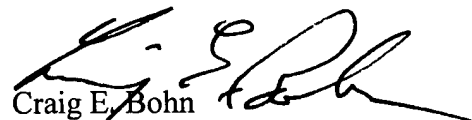
5. U.S. Patent Number 3,746,627 issued to Rapids on July 17, 1973.
Discloses a method of electroplating a localized contact area on an electrically conductive portable member while said member is removably resting in an electrically conductive, but non-interengaged state on a current-carrying cathode bar that is electrically connected to a source of a plating current.
6. U.S. Patent Number 2,318,592 issued to Cupery on May 11, 1943.
Discloses a process of electrodepositing metal from an aqueous solution of electrolytes such as cyanides, chlorides, silicofluorides, or sulfates.

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